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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Publication/Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor/Applicant(s)</u>
DE 41 22 287 A1	January 23, 1992	Wilhelm Kuhn, et al.

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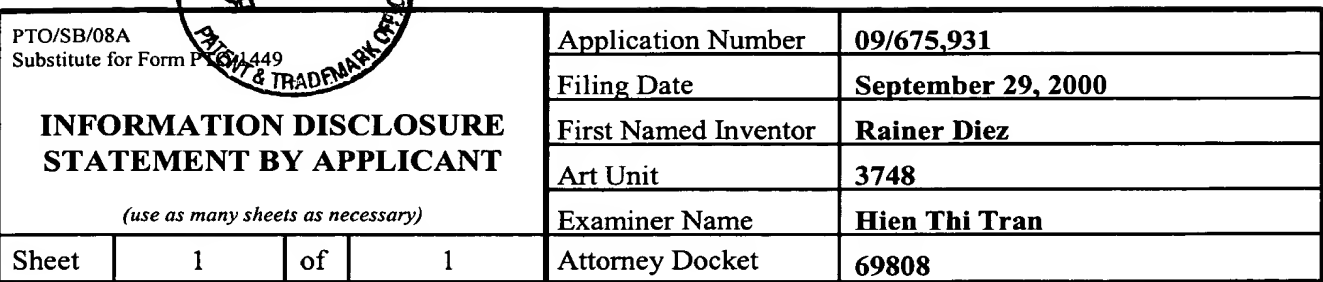
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